IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUSLY SHUFFLING AND MONITORING CARDS	

AMENDMENT

BOX AMENDMENTS
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

    This Amendment is being filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 9, 2001. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and authorization to debit a deposit account accompany this Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Delete the entire paragraph on page 44 and replace it with the following paragraph that corrects spelling errors and typographical errors, but adds no substantive information:

    In a preferred card-handling device of the present invention, the number of cards in the rack assembly is monitored at all times while the shuffler is in the dealing mode. The [microporcessor] microprocessor monitors the cards fed into and out of the rack assembly, and provides a visual warning that the number or amount of cards in the rack assembly is below a critical (predetermined, preset) number or level. When such a card count warning is issued, the microprocessor stops delivering cards to the shoe. When the cards are fed back into the machine and the number of cards in the rack assembly rises to an acceptable (preset or predetermined) level, the microprocessor resumes unloading cards into the shoe. The number of cards is dependent upon the game being dealt and the number of players present or allowed. For example, in a multi-deck blackjack game using 208 cards (four decks), the minimum number of cards in the rack is approximately 178. At this point, a signal is sent to the visual display. When